

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Marked up versions of the amended paragraphs.

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 1 line 15 and running through page 1 line 22, and replace it with the following:

The horse blanket of the prior art provides a general protection from the elements; however, the prior art is deficient in providing targeted, extreme temperature to an area of the ~~horses~~ horse's body. Similarly, other animal covers and clothing merely provide a general barrier between the animal and the elements. Furthermore, the animal covers of the prior art are not useful for delivering an extreme temperature regimen to the animal's body, or to defined area thereof. Thus, there is a need in the art for an animal cover that delivers targeted and extreme temperature to an area of an animal's body, or to the entire body.

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 3 line 16 and running through page 3 line 25, and replace it with the following:

It is desirable to alter ~~[[that]]~~ the temperature of an animal for a variety of reasons. Veterinarians typically use ice baths to lower the temperature of an animal with a fever. Similarly, farmers and other animal owners, particularly those in more extreme climates, desire to alter the temperature of their animals. Animal blankets are frequently used on animals in extremely cold climates to keep these animals warm. Competition animals exert maximum effort during a performance or practice, and as a result, will often develop sore muscles, inflamed joints, increased body temperature and a variety of other effects. Such ~~competitions~~ competition animals include, but are not limited to greyhound race dogs, ~~thorough-bred~~ thoroughbred race horses, sport horses (e.g., jumping, driving, dressage, vaulting and endurance) and agility dogs.

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 3 line 26 and running through page 4 line 3, and replace it with the following:

The current invention is directed towards a new device and method for delivering a temperature altering regimen to an animal. In the preferred embodiment, the animal is a ~~competition~~ competition horse. The device in this embodiment is a cover, similar to a horse blanket that covers the body of the horse and delivers a temperature altering regimen directly to a specific location on the horse's body. The device of the current invention is adjustable, allowing the temperature altering regions to precisely fit a variety of differently shaped and sized horses on a variety of body areas. The device and method is further described below with reference to the attached drawings.

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 4 line 10 and running through page 4 line 16, and replace it with the following:

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Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 4 line 17 and running through page 4 line 24, and replace it with the following:

It is to be understood, that the preferred embodiment wherein a horse blanket comprises the invention is by way of example only. Furthermore, horse blankets are well known in the art, and the description of a horse having a cut away 8 exposing the horse's neck, or a protrusion 10 covering the horse's neck are mere descriptions of a horse blanket. Those of ordinary skill in the art will readily adapt the current invention to fit a variety of covers beyond blankets, and the covers comprising the current invention are useful on more animals ~~[[that]]~~ than just horses. These variations are within the scope of the current invention.

Clean versions of the amended paragraphs.

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